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1.0 Definitions and Abbreviations

Appeon – A tool used to deploy entire PowerBuilder applications to the Web. Appeon consists of three parts: a developer, a server, and a server web component.

Application Query Tool – A DataWindow which is used to access, view, create, edit, or delete electronic documents found in SPARS.

AQB – Air Quality Bureau. This bureau administers DNR's air quality program.

Client/server - A description for applications that have a local (client) user interface but access data on a remote server. The application distributes the work between the local machine and the server, depending on the strengths of the front-end and back-end products.

Facility Administrator – A requestor who receives access to SPARS in order to manage SPARS user accounts for his/her company's employees and consultants. A facility administrator may also be the responsible official for his/her company.

Facility User – An external SPARS user with the ability to create, delete, update, and review SPARS electronic documents while in the INDUSTRY phase.

HTML – *Hyper Text Markup Language*. The authoring language used to create documents on the World Wide Web.

Iowa DNR – *Iowa Department of Natural Resources*. Government agency responsible for maintaining state parks and forests, protecting the environment, and managing energy, fish, wildlife, land, and water resources in Iowa.

Oracle Database – It is a relational database management system developed by Oracle Corporation.

PDF – *Portable Document Format.* A file format which captures formatting information from a variety of desktop publishing applications.

Phase Codes – Codes used to indicate the submittal and completion status of all applications and inventories.

PIN – Personal Identification Number. This "number" consists of letters and numbers and it is used to submit electronic documents to the AQB using SPARS Web.

PowerBuilder – A computer application development system that includes tools for drawing the user interface and reports and accessing database content.

Responsible Official – A requestor who receives an electronic signature device created by the AQB and uses it to submit electronic documents using SPARS Web. *"Responsible Official"* means one of the following:

- 1. For a corporation: a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy or decision-making functions for the corporation, or a duly authorized representative of such person if the representative is responsible for the overall operation of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities applying for or subject to a permit and either:
 - The facilities employ more than 250 persons or have gross annual sales or expenditures exceeding \$25 million (in second quarter 1980 dollars); or
 - The delegation of authority to such representative is approved in advance by the permitting authority.
- 2. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: a general partner or the proprietor, respectively:
- 3. For a municipality, state, federal, or other public agency: either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For the purposes of this chapter, a principal executive officer of a federal agency includes the chief executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of a the agency (e.g., a regional administrator of EPA); or
- 4. For Title IV affected sources:
 - The designated representative insofar as actions, standards, requirements, or prohibitions under Title IV of the Act or the regulations promulgated thereunder are concerned; and
 - The designated representative for any other purposes under this chapter or the Act.

Site Management – A DataWindow used to access and edit the following facility's information: name, location, mailing address, air quality classification, plant number, equipment identification, equipment description, name and addresses for its contacts, latitude, longitude, UTM coordinates.

SPARS – *State Permitting and Air Reporting System.* An Oracle database with a PowerBuilder front-end used to receive and store air quality electronic documents.

SPARS Web – An application that gives external users the ability to access SPARS data and submit electronic documents to the AQB using the internet.

TIFF – *Tagged Image File Format*. One of the most widely supported file formats for storing bit-mapped images on personal computers.

UTM – *Universal Transverse Mercator*. The UTM coordinate system is a grid-based method of specifying locations on the surface of the Earth.



2.0 Introducing SPARS Web

2.1 What is SPARS Web?

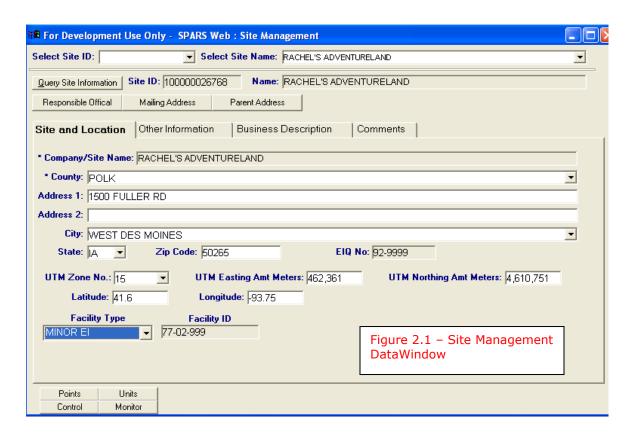
The Iowa DNR's State Permitting and Air Reporting System (SPARS) is composed of an Oracle database and a PowerBuilder interface to access the contents of this database. It was first developed as a multi-user client/server database available only to AQB staff.

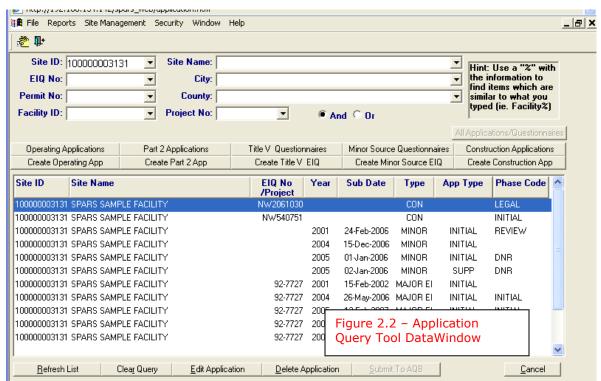
In February 2006, the Appeon system, which includes a developer, a server, and a server web component, was used to deploy the PowerBuilder interface to the Web, thus making SPARS web-enabled. This gave facilities access to their own data and the ability to submit electronic applications and inventories to the AQB through the Web.

PowerBuilder has a native data-handling object called a DataWindow, which can be used to create, edit, and display data from a database. SPARS has two main DataWindows: Site Management and the Application Query Tool.

The Site Management DataWindow (see Figure 2.1) allows the user to access information such as facility name, AQB plant number, SPARS site ID, location, address, responsible official contact information, equipment identification and description, latitude, longitude, UTM coordinates, etc. It also allows the user to edit certain information, such us description and specification for emission units, emission points, control equipment, and monitoring equipment.

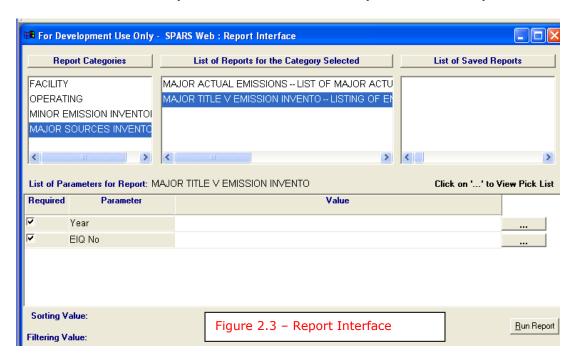
The Application Query Tool DataWindow (see Figure 2.2) allows the user to access, view, create, edit, review, and delete electronic applications and inventories. It also gives users the ability to submit these documents to the AQB when following the SPARS submittal process.





An additional SPARS component that might be useful to SPARS users is the Report Interface. This is another SPARS DataWindow that allows the creation of several reports depending on the category selected (see Figure 2.3).

- 1. **Equipment Facility** This report lists all the emission points, emission units, monitoring equipment, and control equipment for a facility's operating application, minor source inventory, or construction application.
- 2. **Actual Emissions** This report sums the actual emissions from Form 4.0 of the facility's operating application for the selected year.
- 3. **Potential Emissions** This report sums the potential emissions from Form 3.0 of the facility's operating application.
- 4. **Completeness Report** This report lists missing fields for the facility's minor source emissions inventory.
- 5. **Facility-Wide Air Emission Summary** This report lists the potential and actual emissions from INV-3 and INV-4 of the facility's minor source emissions inventory by emission year and by criteria and hazardous pollutants.
- 6. **Major Actual Emissions** This report sums the actual emissions from Form 4.0 of the facility's Title V emissions inventory for the selected year.
- 7. **Major Title V Emissions Inventory** This report sums the actual emissions from Form 5.0 of the facility's Title V emissions inventory for the selected year.



2.2 What will SPARS Web do for you?

The Iowa DNR's State Permitting and Air Reporting System (SPARS) Web application allows facilities to:

- 1. Access permit and emissions data electronically.
- 2. Create the following:
 - Construction permit applications
 - Title V operating permit applications
 - o Minor source emissions inventories, and
 - o Title V annual emissions inventories
- 3. Submit these applications and inventories to the Iowa DNR Air Quality Bureau (AQB) at any time.
- 4. Reuse existing electronic information to create new applications or modify current applications.
- 5. Attach supporting documentation in Excel, PDF, Word, TIF, or HTML formats.
- 6. Receive prompt confirmation that applications and inventories have been received by the AQB.

2.3 How can facilities access SPARS Web?

In order to take advantage of the features described in 2.2, facilities need to do the following:

- 1. Identify a Facility Administrator and a Responsible Official. The Facility Administrator is responsible for managing SPARS access for those working on the facility's applications and inventories. The Responsible Official has the authority to submit applications and inventories to the AQB through SPARS. A Facility Administrator may also be the facility's Responsible Official.
- Complete and submit both the <u>SPARS Access Request Form for Facility</u> <u>Administrators</u> and the <u>SPARS Access Request Form for Responsible Officials</u>. These forms are available at: http://www.iowadnr.gov/air/prof/SPARS/info.html
- Once these accounts are created, the AQB sends via certified mail the
 respective SPARS access information to each Facility Administrator and each
 Responsible Official. Facilities can then create, review, and submit applications
 and inventories to the AQB.



3.0 Defining SPARS Web User Roles¹

SPARS users are given one of the roles described below, based on the type of work that they will be performing in SPARS. Every SPARS user has the following rights and restrictions:

Access Rights:

- Able to change his/her password.
- Able to obtain SPARS reports.

Access Restrictions:

- Cannot delete or edit his/her SPARS account.
- Cannot freely navigate through applications and inventories previously submitted to the AQB. However, the information in these is easily retrieved through the print-preview feature of SPARS Web.
- Cannot delete or edit applications and inventories previously submitted to the AQB

3.1 Facility Administrator

Description: This account is created only by the AQB. The Administrator is responsible for creating and managing SPARS user accounts and passwords for his/her company's employees as well as for consultants. For companies with multiple facilities, a single Administrator may be identified for all the facilities, or an Administrator may be identified for each facility.

Access Rights:

- Able to access the sites identified to the AQB on the <u>SPARS Access Request</u> <u>Form for Facility Administrators</u>.
- Able to access application types assigned by the AQB.
- Able to create applications and inventories.
- Able to edit and delete applications and inventories as long as they are in INDUSTRY Phase.
- o Able to create, edit, and delete all other user roles.
- Able to assign sites to all other user roles.
- Able to reset a lost or forgotten password for all SPARS users, including his/her own.

Access Restrictions:

- o Cannot create, edit, or delete another Administrator.
- o Cannot generate a personal identification number for a Responsible Official.

¹ The following SPARS Web user roles are no longer used: "Facility Super User" and "Facility Viewer."

3.2 Facility User

Description: This account may be created by Administrators, Super Users, or the AQB.

Access Rights:

- Able to access the sites and application types assigned by the Administrator, the Super User, or the AQB.
- Able to create applications and inventories.
- Able to edit and delete applications and inventories as long as they are in INDUSTRY Phase.
- Able to change his/her password.

Access Restrictions:

- Cannot create, edit, or delete an Administrator, a Super User, a Viewer, or another User.
- Cannot assign or delete sites for an Administrator, a Super User, a Viewer, or another User.
- o Cannot generate a personal identification number for a Responsible Official.
- Cannot reset a lost or forgotten password.

3.3 Responsible Official

Description: This account is created only by the AQB. The <u>SPARS Access Request Form for Responsible Officials</u> submitted to the AQB includes the Responsible Official's signature, which carries the same legal weight and responsibility as the signature on the paper Form FI or Part 3.

Access Rights:

- Able to access the sites identified to the AQB on the <u>SPARS Access Request</u> <u>Form for Responsible Officials</u>.
- Able to access the application types assigned by the AQB.
- Able to submit applications and inventories to the AQB. To be able to do this, the Responsible Official is issued a personal identification number, which must be entered while logged in as the Responsible Official.
- In addition to these, the Responsible Official can have the access rights of any of the above user roles. Normally the AQB assigns a Facility User role to Responsible Officials, unless they are also the Facility Administrator, in which case, the AQB creates them as Administrators.

Access Restrictions:

 Because the AQB normally assigns a Facility User role or a Facility
 Administrator role to Responsible Officials, their access restrictions will be the same as those of a Facility Administrator or a Facility User.



4.0 Setting-up your computer to run SPARS Web

- Facility Administrators and/or IT Personnel

Before running the SPARS Web application, please make sure that your computer system meets the following *minimum* hardware and software requirements:

- ◊ CPU: Pentium-class processor 1 GHz or faster
- ♦ Memory: 128 MB
- ♦ Disk: 10 GB
- Network: 56k dial-up connection to Internet
- Operating System:
 - Windows 2000, or
 - Windows XP (any edition), or
 - Windows Server 2003 (any edition), or
 - Windows Vista (any edition), or
 - Windows Server 2008
- ♦ Software:
 - Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 SP1 or SP2, or
 - Internet Explorer 7.0, or
 - Internet Explorer 8.0, or
 - Internet Explorer 9.0,
 - Sybase Appeon Xcelerator (automatically downloaded to the client browser when running SPARS Web)

For the best possible experience working with SPARS Web, the Iowa DNR's AQB recommends the following hardware and software for your computer system:

- ♦ CPU: Pentium-class processor 1.8 GHz or faster
- ♦ Memory: 512 MB
- ♦ Disk: 20 GB
- Network: Broadband connection to Internet
- Operating System:
 - Windows 2000, or
 - Windows XP (any edition), or
 - Windows Server 2003 (any edition), or
 - Windows Vista (any edition), or
 - Windows Server 2008, or
 - Windows 7

♦ Software:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 SP1 or SP2, or
- Internet Explorer 7.0, or
- Internet Explorer 8.0, or
- Internet Explorer 9.0,
- Sybase Appeon Xcelerator (automatically downloaded to the client browser when running SPARS Web),
- Adobe Acrobat Reader 6.0 or later (for viewing printed PDF DataWindows and reports)

When you run an Appeon Web application, such as SPARS Web, for the first time, the Appeon Xcelerator plug-in must be downloaded to your computer. However, if you do not have administrator rights to your computer Windows system, the *Xcelerator plug-in download will be blocked and the application will fail to run*.

To avoid this and to allow SPARS Web to run in your computer, please follow the instructions described in this document.

Ask your administrator to assign the current login account to the Administrators group, so that it can successfully download and register the Xcelerator plug-in. In the case of Windows Vista and Windows Server 2008 users, you need to turn off the **User Account Control** feature, for the Appean Server to start correctly. (See instructions below)

1.0 Set account privilege for running Appeon Server

- 1.1 Windows System other than Windows Vista or Windows Server 2008
 - Ask your administrator to assign the current logging account to the Administrator group. This will allow the Xcelerator plug-in to be successfully downloaded and registered.
- 1.2 Windows Vista or Windows Server 2008
 - Go to Control Panel | User Accounts, click Turn User Account Control on or off.
 - De-select the option of Use User Account Control (UAC) to help protect your computer.
 - Click **OK**.
 - Restart your computer

2.0 Adjust Desktop Display Settings

Your desktop display should be set to 1024 X 768.

If your display is not set to 1024 X 768, follow these instructions:

- 1. Right-click inside the Windows desktop and select **Properties** (in Windows 7, select **Screen resolution**).
- 2. Select the **Settings** tab.
- 3. Note your current Screen resolution in case you need to reset it later.

- 4. Move the Screen resolution slide bar to 1024 X 768 (in Windows 7, select 1024 X 768 from the pull-down menu).
- 5. Click **Apply**. The screen will be reset.
- 6. Click Yes (in Windows 7, click Keep Changes).
- 7. Click OK.

3.0 Adjust Temporary Internet Files and Caching

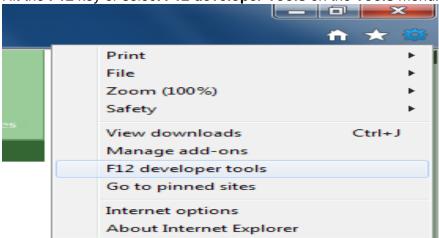
- Delete all temporary files stored in the Internet Explorer cache:
 - 1. Open Internet Explorer.
 - 2. Select **Internet Options** on the **Tools** menu.
 - 3. Select the **General** tab.
 - 4. Depending on the Internet Explorer that you have, do the following:
 - o <u>Internet Explorer 6.0</u>:
 - Click **Delete Files...** in the **Temporary Internet Files** section.
 - o <u>Internet Explorer 7.0</u>:
 - Click **Delete...** in the **Browsing History** section.
 - Click **Delete Files...** in the **Temporary Internet Files** section.
 - Internet Explorer 8.0 and 9.0:
 - Click Delete... in the Browsing History section.
 - Click **Delete**.
 - 5. Click OK.
- Verify settings for temporary internet files within Internet Explorer and set up file caching:
 - 1. Open Internet Explorer.
 - 2. Select **Internet Options** on the **Tools** menu.
 - Select the Advanced tab. Scroll down to the Security section and make sure that Empty Temporary Internet Files folder when browser is closed option is NOT checked.
 - 4. Select the **General** tab.
 - 5. Depending on the Internet Explorer version that you have, do the following:
 - o <u>Internet Explorer 6.0</u>:
 - Click Settings... in the Temporary Internet Files section.
 - Select the **Automatically** button to check for newer versions of stored pages.
 - o Internet Explorer 7.0, 8.0, and 9.0:
 - Click Settings... in the Browsing History section.
 - Select the Automatically button to check for newer versions of stored pages.

- 6. Verify that the **Amount of Disk Space to Use** is set to no less than 200MB.
- 7. Click OK.

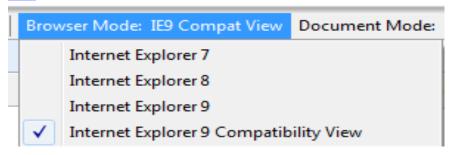
4.0 Adjust Compatibility Mode (Windows 7, IE9)

1. Open Internet Explorer.

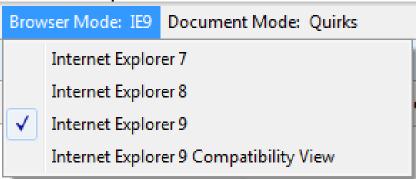




3. A window will open up at the bottom of the screen. Click **Browser Mode: IE9 Compat View**.

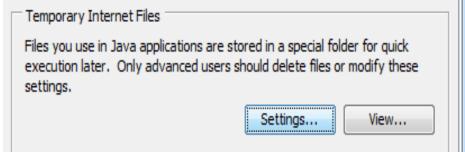


4. Click Internet Explorer 9.

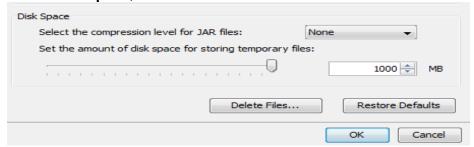


5.0 Delete Java Cache/History (Windows 7, IE9)

- 1. Open the Control Panel and choose Java and a window will open up.
- 2. Select the **General** tab.
- 3. Under Temporary Internet Files, choose "Settings."

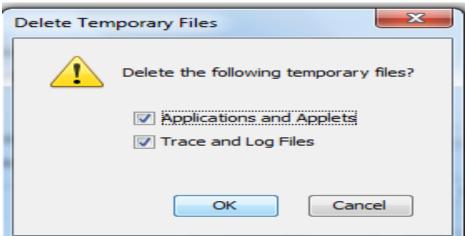


4. Under Disc Space, select "Delete Files."



5. Click OK.

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6.0 If Running SPARS Web via a Proxy Server

If you are running SPARS Web through a Proxy Server, you must ensure that the Advanced Setting **HTTP 1.1 through proxy connections** remains enabled.

NOTE: These instructions are <u>only</u> necessary if a Proxy Server is used.

- 1. Open Internet Explorer.
- 2. Select **Internet Options** on the **Tools** menu.
- 3. Select the **Advanced** tab.
- 4. Scroll down to the HTTP 1.1 Settings section.
- 5. Select **Use HTTP 1.1** if it is not currently selected.
- 6. Select **Use HTTP 1.1 through proxy connections** if it is not currently selected.
- 7. Click **Apply** and then **OK**.

7.0 Adjust Internet Security Settings

In order for SPARS Web to be set up on your machine, you must make sure that your internet security is set correctly. SPARS Web uses a version of *Appeon* (5.0 Xcelerator) and other functions that require specific security settings.

- 1. Open Internet Explorer.
- 2. Select **Internet Options** on the **Tools** menu.
- 3. Select the **Security** tab.
- 4. Select the **Internet** zone.
- 5. Click **Custom Level...** at the bottom of the box.
- 6. The following settings must be in place to set up SPARS Web. Your computer might already have these selections in place, depending on the security level that you have set. Additionally, these options may or may not be available to you depending on the Internet Explorer version or Service Pack that you have:
 - Download signed ActiveX controls select Enable.
 - Download unsigned ActiveX controls select Prompt.
 - Initialize and script ActiveX controls not marked as safe for scripting select **Prompt**.
 - Run ActiveX controls and plug-ins select Enable.
 - Script ActiveX controls marked safe for scripting select Enable.
 - File download select Enable.
 - Active scripting select Enable.
 - o <u>Internet Explorer 6.0</u>:
 - Allow paste operations via script select **Enable**.
 - Allow active content to run in files on My Computer select Enable.
 - Internet Explorer 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0.
 - Allow websites to prompt for information using scripted windows select **Enable**.
 - o Windows 7, IE9:
 - Make sure that **Enable Protected Mode** is unchecked for <u>Internet</u>, <u>Intranet</u>, and <u>Trusted Sites</u>.
- 7. Click Apply.

8. Click **OK**. (For Windows 7, IE9, you might receive the warning: "The current security settings will put your computer at risk." This is temporary. Click **OK**)

NOTE: After clicking **OK**, the following warning might appear:



Click **Yes**. You will re-adjust these settings immediately after Appeon is installed in your computer.

9. Click OK.

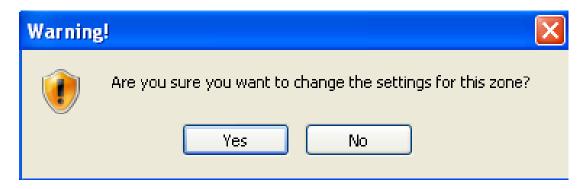
8.0 Adjust Trusted Sites Security Settings

You must make sure that your "trusted sites" security is set correctly. SPARS Web uses a version of *Appeon* (5.0 Xcelerator) and other functions that require specific "trusted sites" security settings.

- 1. Open Internet Explorer.
- 2. Select Internet Options on the Tools menu.
- 3. Select the **Security** tab.
- 4. Select the **Trusted Sites** zone.
- 5. Click **Custom Level...** at the bottom of the box.
- 6. If available, make sure that the following settings are selected. Your computer might already have these selections in place, depending on the security level that you have set. Additionally, these options may or may not be available to you depending on the Internet Explorer version or Service Pack that you have:
 - Download signed ActiveX controls select Enable.
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 - Run ActiveX controls and plug-ins select Enable.
 - Script ActiveX controls marked safe for scripting select Enable.
 - File download select Enable.
 - Active scripting select Enable.
 - o <u>Internet Explorer 6.0</u>:
 - Allow paste operations via script select Enable.
 - Allow active content to run in files on My Computer select Enable.

- <u>Internet Explorer 7.0, 8.0, and 9.0</u>:
 - Allow websites to prompt for information using scripted windows select **Enable**.
- 7. Click **OK** when the new security settings have been selected.

NOTE: After clicking **OK**, the following warning might appear:



Click **Yes**. You will re-adjust these settings immediately after Appeon is installed in your computer.

8. Click OK.

9.0 Adjust Additional Trusted Sites Settings

- 1. Open Internet Explorer.
- 2. Select Internet Options on the Tools menu.
- 3. Select the **Security** tab.
- 4. Zone area, select the **Trusted Sites** zone.
- 5. Click the Sites button.
- 6. Make sure that **Require server verification (https) for all sites in this zone** is not checked. Uncheck this field if necessary.
- 7. Add the following web addresses to your Websites box:
 - http://spars.iowadnr.gov/spars.htm
- 8. To add these web addresses, do the following (one web address at a time).
 - Type the web address in Add this website to the zone field.
 - Click the Add button.
- 9. When all the web addresses have added, click the **Close** button.
- 10. Click **OK**.

10.0 Check Version of Jscript.dll

You must make sure that the version of *iscript.dll* on your PC is the correct version.

- 1. In Windows Explorer open the \WINNT\system 32 folder.
- 2. Scroll down and locate the jscript.dll file.
- 3. Right-click on this file name and select **Properties**.
- 4. Select the **Version** tab. The version must be at least *5.6.x.xxxx*. If the version number is older than *5.6.x.xxxx* (a smaller number), download the newer version at:

http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=c717d943-7e4b-4622-86eb-95a22b832caa&DisplayLang=en

11.0 Disable Internet Anti-popup/Anti-Virus Software

In order to have *Appeon* correctly installed in your computer, anti-popup software must be disabled. After installation, the anti-popup software can be enabled. Additionally, it is recommended that your anti-virus software be temporarily disabled until you have completed the SPARS installation. Once you have completed the installation, the anti-virus software may be enabled.

12.0 Install Appeon

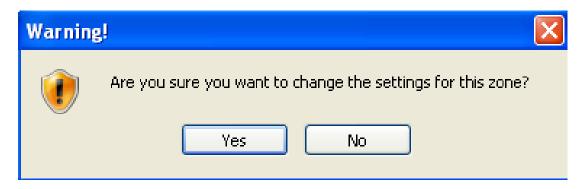
- 1. Open Internet Explorer.
- On the web browser, type this address: http://spars.iowadnr.gov/spars.htm
- 3. If the download does not automatically start, you should be directed to a page to manually install the application. You may need administrator rights on your computer to install the Java applet needed to connect you to SPARS Web.
- 4. If prompted, choose the following:
 - Install ActiveX
 - Trust this site
 - Always allow popups from this site
- 5. When the installation is complete, close Internet Explorer.

13.0 Re-adjust Internet Security Settings

- 1. Open Internet Explorer.
- 2. Select **Internet Options** on the **Tools** menu.
- 3. Select the **Security** tab.
- 4. Select Internet.
- 5. Click **Custom Level...** at the bottom of the box.
- 6. Make the following security setting selections:
 - Download signed ActiveX controls select Prompt.
 - Download unsigned ActiveX controls select **Disable**.
 - Initialize and script ActiveX controls not marked as safe for scripting select **Disable**.

- Run ActiveX controls and plug-ins select Enable.
- Script ActiveX controls marked safe for scripting select Enable.
- File download select Enable.
- Active scripting select Enable.
- Internet Explorer 6.0:
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 - Allow active content to run in files on My Computer select Enable.
- o Internet Explorer 7.0, 8.0 and 9.0:
 - Allow websites to prompt for information using scripted windows select **Enable**.
- 7. Click **OK** when the new security settings have been selected.

NOTE: After clicking **OK**, the following warning might appear:



Click **Yes**. You will re-adjust these settings immediately after Appeon is installed in your computer.

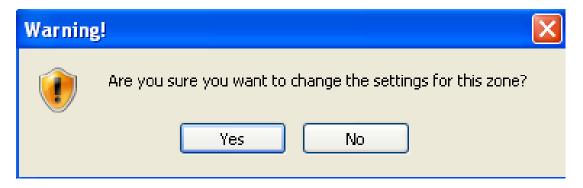
8. Click OK.

14.0 Re-adjust Trusted Site Security Settings

- Open Internet Explorer.
- 2. Select Internet Options on the Tools menu.
- 3. Select the Security tab.
- 4. Select the Trusted Sites zone.
- 5. Click **Custom Level...** at the bottom of the box.
- 6. Make the following security setting selections:
 - Download signed ActiveX controls select **Prompt**.
 - Download unsigned ActiveX controls select **Disable**.
 - Initialize and script ActiveX controls not marked as safe for scripting select **Disable**.
 - o Run ActiveX controls and plug-ins select **Enable**.
 - Script ActiveX controls marked safe for scripting select Enable.
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- 7. Click **OK** when the new security settings have been selected.

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Click **Yes**. You will re-adjust these settings immediately after Appeon is installed in your computer.

- 8. Click OK.
- 9. Close Internet Explorer.

15.0 Create a SPARS Web shortcut

Creating a SPARS Web shortcut using the correct URL will ensure your access to the *Appeon* logging screen regardless of any SPARS upgrades installed by the DNR.

- 1. Right-click inside the Windows desktop and select New.
- 2. Select Shorcut.
- 3. Inside the text box, type the following location: http://spars.iowadnr.gov/spars.htm
- 4. Click Next.
- 5. Inside the text box, type: **SPARS Web**
- 6. Click Finish
- 7. Next time you need to access SPARS Web, place your cursor on this shortcut and double-click the left side of your mouse.

Uninstalling Appeon

To uninstall Appeon:

- 1. Access your hard drive to find the file named "EonUISpace Class" (or "ceondownloadcenter.dll" on Windows 7). This file is commonly found in C:\WINDOWS\Downloaded Program Files.
- 2. Delete the EonUISpace Class (or ceondownloadcenter.dll) file.

Once this file is deleted, you will no longer be able to access SPARS Web. To access SPARS Web, Appear must be re-installed as instructed in this document.



5.0 Running SPARS Web after Installation

- All Users

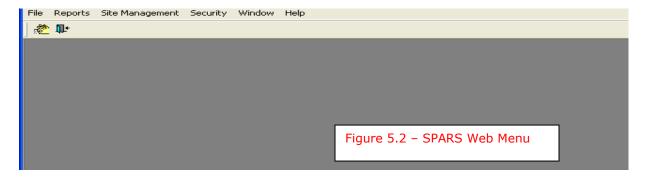
5.1 Accessing SPARS Web

- Open Internet Explorer. Make sure any anti-popup software is disabled while working in SPARS Web. This will allow you to see all the screens used in SPARS Web. (You do not need to worry about this if during the Appeon installation, you chose to "always accept popups from this site").
- 2. Open the SPARS Website: http://spars.iowadnr.gov/spars.htm
- 3. Use the Appeon log-in screen (shown below) to enter the User Name and Password given to you by the AQB, or by a Facility Administrator, or a Facility Super User.



Figure 5.1 – Appeon Log-In Screen

- 4. A Welcome Window will appear. Close this window. If you do not want this window to appear every time you open SPARS Web, unclick the **Show welcome at startup** box.
- 5. The following menu becomes available:



6. You are now ready to work in SPARS Web.

5.2 Working in SPARS Web.... Issues to Consider

5.2.1 SPARS Web Speed

Obviously, SPARS Web speed will not be the same at every facility. The following factors influence the speed at which SPARS Web will work:

- Onnection type and speed (dial up, DSL, Cable, Network).
- Firewall and security protocols (blocking ports or IP addresses, scanning data packets, restricting data download/upload speeds, either by Facility, Corporate, or Internet Service Provider).
- ① Network issues including, but not limited to;
 - Traffic load at the Facility, ICN (state network), or IDNR
 - Routing of data between the Facility and Corporate headquarters in other states/regions and IDNR
- Client workstation setup for computer processor speed, amount of memory, cache size, programs running, virus scanning during use of SPARS application and other items which degrade computer performance.

5.2.2 SPARS Web Time-Out

A SPARS Web session is timed-out at 2 hours from its start.

Even though SPARS Web saves your work automatically, certain updates and changes do not take place unless you save them manually. Therefore, try to save your work regularly to avoid losing information.

After being timed-out, you can log right back in to SPARS Web.

5.2.3 Viewing Previously Submitted Applications/Inventories

SPARS Web users cannot freely navigate through applications and inventories previously submitted to the AQB.

The preferable way to view information on previously submitted applications and inventories is as follows:

- 1. On the Query Tool, double-click on the applicable application or inventory.
- 2. Click on the print-preview icon. The appropriate list of forms is now ready for viewing and printing.

5.2.4 When to use the Facility Super User role

As described in Section 3.0, Facility Super Users cannot create applications and inventories; however, they can edit or delete them as long as they are in INDUSTRY Phase.

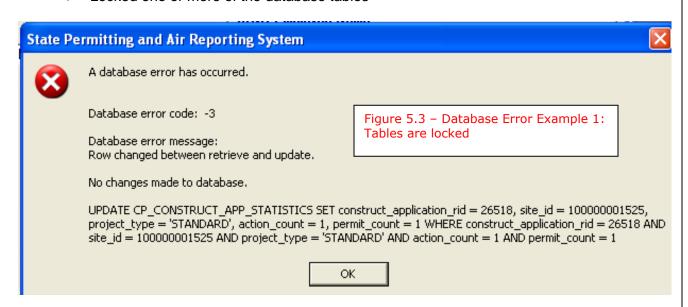
This user role is most suited for project managers at consulting firms who will review the work done for a facility by other members of the firm. As a Facility Super User, a project manager can create the number of Facility Users needed to complete the work.

5.2.5 Handling Database Messages

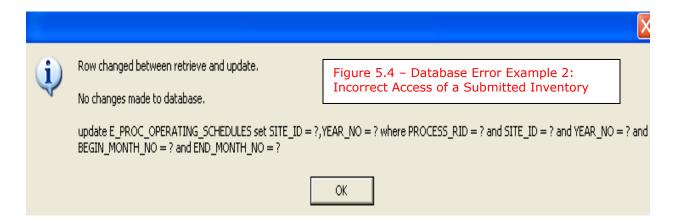
As you work with SPARS Web, you will find that sometimes the database will give you messages in response to what you have or have not done.

There are two types of database messages: (1) database errors and (2) warning errors.

- (1) **Database Errors**. These types of messages are displayed when a certain action has:
 - Locked one or more of the database tables

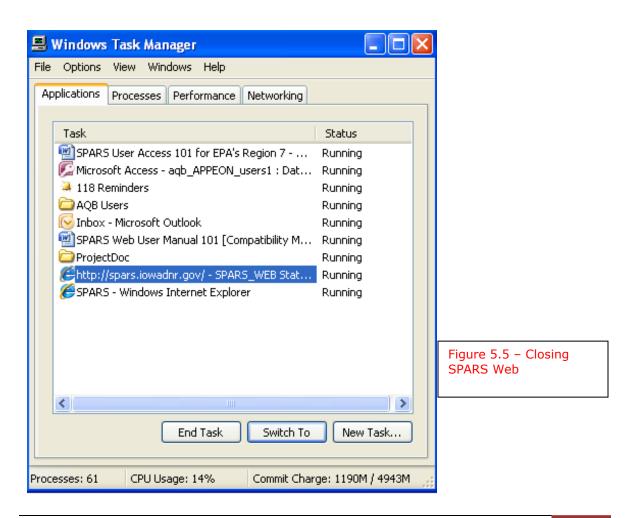


Violated one or more of the database business rules



NOTE: In order to avoid the error shown in Figure 5.4, the print-preview feature of SPARS must be used to see the information contained in an application or inventory already submitted to the AQB.

In either case, the immediate course of action is to use the Task Manager to close SPARS Web (see Figure 5.5). **NOTE**: In order to view the Task Manager window, press **Ctrl-Alt-Delete**.



In addition to closing SPARS Web, you should call us to let us know that a database error occurred while you were working on the SPARS application. We will need to know what you were doing when the error happened. We will then guide you on what you need to do next.

- (2) Warning Errors. These types of messages are displayed in instances such as:
 - When data needs to be refreshed before you can proceed with your SPARS work. In this case, you will need to close that particular window and open it again.



Figure 5.6 –Warning Error Example 1: SPARS has not recognized the newly created equipment

When one or more database rules have been violated.



Figure 5.7 –Warning Error Example 2: SPARS does not allow the duplication of records, such as IDs for units, points, monitoring, or control equipment.

Warning errors allow you to correct the problem and continue working without having to close SPARS Web.



Figure 5.8 – After clicking "OK" SPARS Web allows you to correct the problem

5.2.6 Do's and Don'ts of SPARS Web Work

Do review a SPARS printout of your most recent Inventory.

Do gather all the necessary information before starting working in your inventory. **Do** review and update Site Management **before** creating your inventory in the Application Query Tool.

Do add new **Points**, **Units**, **Control**, or **Monitor** equipment in Site Management **Do** submit your inventory through SPARS Web if SPARS was used to create and complete it.

Do call us when getting any database errors.

Don't delete any **Points**, **Units**, **Control**, or **Monitor** equipment in Site Management. **Don't** delete or modify any **Point IDs**, **Unit IDs**, **Control IDs**, or **Monitor IDs** in Site Management.

Don't create new **Points**, **Units**, **Control**, or **Monitor** equipment in the inventory. (Do this in Site Management.)

Don't submit a hardcopy of your inventory if it was created and completed in SPARS Web.

Don't leave your inventory in the INDUSTRY Phase. Please submit it electronically to the AQB.

Don't delete a Standard Classification Code (SCC) number unless it was entered by mistake.

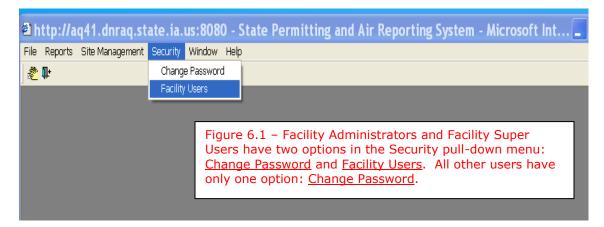


6.0 Changing a Password

- All Users

Passwords are automatically generated by the SPARS data management system and may be changed after accessing the SPARS Web application.

Once the user logs into the SPARS Web application, the following window opens:



To change a password, you must choose the Change Password option.



Figure 6.2 – Change Password Window

In the Change Password window, enter your current ("old") password, and then enter twice the new password. Click **OK** to set the new password. Click **Cancel** to exit without changing the password. Passwords must consist of a minimum of six characters. No special characters are allowed except for a single underscore; the underscore cannot be the first character in the password.



7.0 Managing a Facility User's SPARS Web Account

- Facility Administrators Only

Figure 6.1 in Section 6.0 shows the <u>Facility Users</u> option in the Security pull-down menu. This option only appears for Facility Administrators and allows them to create new users, delete users, and edit user information, including the SPARS Web role assigned to the user.

7.1 Creating a New Facility User

To create a facility user:

7.1.1 From the main menu, select **Security** and then choose **Facility Users**. The **Facility Users** window opens:

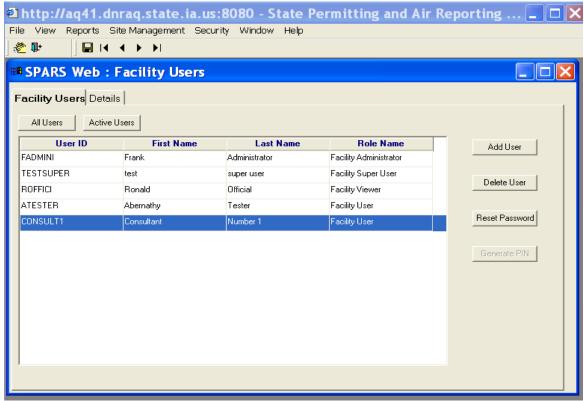


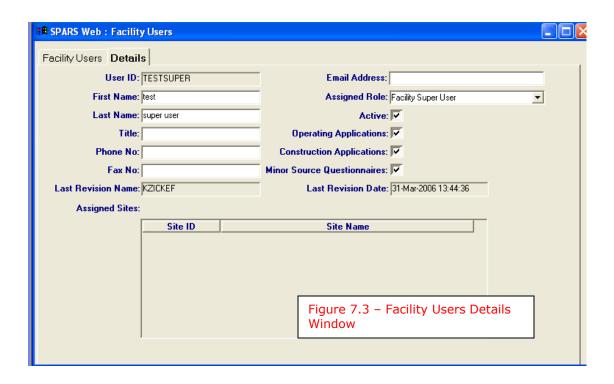
Figure 7.1 - Facility Users Window

7.1.2 Click the **Add User** button on the right. The **Add Facility User** box opens:

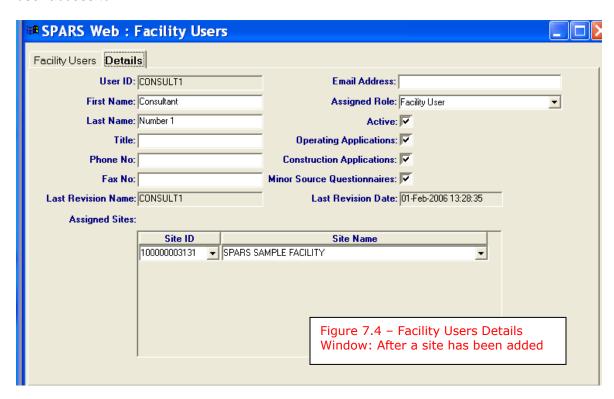


Figure 7.2 – Pop-Up Window for adding facility users

- 7.1.3 Enter the User ID for this user. No special characters other than an underscore can appear. The ID cannot start with an underscore and it cannot contain more than one underscore.
- 7.1.4 Enter the **First Name** and **Last Name** of the new user.
- 7.1.5 Open the drop-down list to select the **Assigned Role** for the new user.
- 7.1.6 Click **Create**. The newly created user now appears on the list depicted on the Facility Users tab.
- 7.1.7 Click **Reset Password** to assign a password to the new user (make sure the new user's name is highlighted). <u>IMPORTANT</u>: You **must** write down the password that is given. This password is **Case-Sensitive** (ABC123 is different than abc123). <u>CAUTION</u>: Clicking the **Reset Password** button automatically generates a new password <u>without any promptings or warnings</u>.
- 7.1.8 Click **OK**.
- 7.1.9 Highlight the user's name (if not already highlighted) and click the **Details** tab. Fill in all the blanks as appropriate (Title, Phone No., Fax No., and E-mail Address)



7.1.10 <u>VERY IMPORTANT</u>: Move the cursor to the **Site Name** section and right-click. Select **Add.** Open the drop-down list and select the site (or sites) that you are giving this user access to.

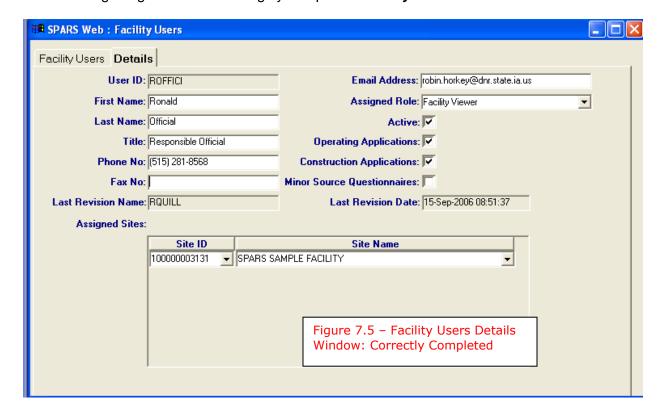


7.2 Customizing a Facility User's Access

The settings for users can be customized on the Facility Users Details tab.

- 7.2.1 You can click the **Active** box to make the user either active (with a check) or inactive (without a check). For a new user, the **Active** box will be automatically checked. When inactive, the name will not appear on the drop-down list of active facility users.
- 7.2.2 In the event that the duties and functions of the employee change, you can alter the user's **Assigned Role**. User roles were discussed in Section 3.0.
- 7.2.3 Use the checkboxes (which default to checked) to determine whether this user has the right to create or edit operating applications (including emissions inventories), construction applications, and/or minor source emissions inventory questionnaires.

The following image shows a thoroughly completed Facility Users Details window.



7.3 Deleting a Facility User

The method for deleting listed users is as follows:

- 7.3.1 On the **Facility Users** tab (see Figure 7.1), highlight the row containing the name/role of the user to be deleted.
- 7.3.2 Click the **Delete User** button. You will be asked whether you want to delete this user or not. If you want to continue with the deletion process, click **Yes**.
- 7.3.3 The user no longer appears on the list of facility users.

NOTE: SPARS will not let you delete users that have previously created or submitted applications or inventories. Your only option is to make these users inactive. DO NOT DELETE a Responsible Official account. Please contact the SPARS Help Desk if the Responsible Official at your facility no longer needs SPARS access because he/she either has different responsibilities or has left your company.

7.4 Resetting a Facility User's Password

Facility Administrators may reset a lost or forgotten password for all SPARS users, including his/her own. Facility Super Users may reset a lost or forgotten password for Facility Users, Facility Viewers, and for him/her.

- 7.4.1 On the **Facility Users** tab (see Figure 7.1), highlight the row containing the name/role of the user for whom the password will be reset.
- 7.4.2 Click the **Reset Password** button. A message box will appear with the user ID and new password. <u>IMPORTANT</u>: You **must** write down the password that is given. Remember that passwords are case-sensitive. <u>CAUTION</u>: Clicking the **Reset Password** button automatically generates a new password <u>without any promptings or warnings</u>.



8.0 Creating an Application or Inventory

- Facility Administrators and Facility Users

As mentioned before, the Application Query Tool is a SPARS DataWindow, which allows the user to access, view, create, edit, or delete applications and inventories.

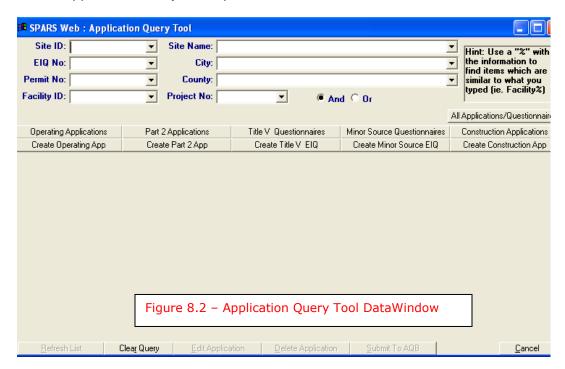
To access the Application Query Tool, do the following:

- 1. Access SPARS Web as described in Section 5.0
- 2. Click on the Quick Navigation Tool button (the hand). See Figure 8.1 below.



Figure 8.1 – The Hand (Quick Navigation Tool Button)

3. The Application Query Tool opens:



- 2. Select the facility that you will be creating the application or inventory for. You may use the **Site Name**, **Site ID**, or **EIQ No.** to select the facility.
- 3. Click the appropriate button to create the desired document (see Figure 8.3).

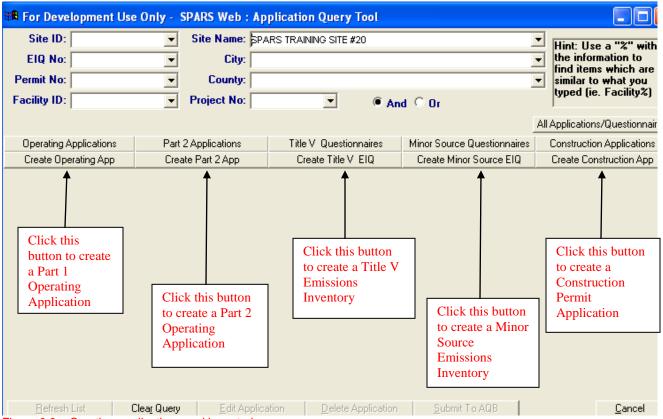
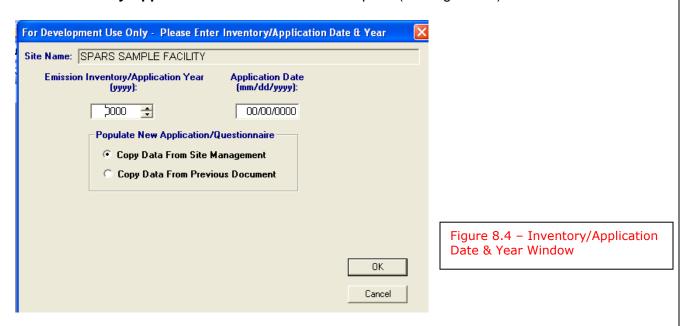


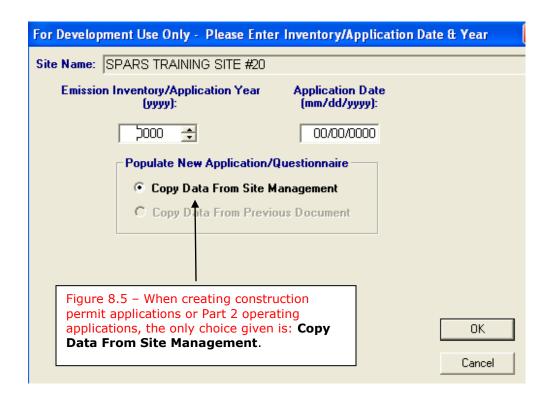
Figure 8.3 – Creating applications and inventories

4. The Inventory/Application Date & Year window opens (see Figure 8.4).



- 5. Enter or select the correct year for your application or inventory in the **Emission Inventory/Application Year** field. Normally, the correct year for a <u>Part 1</u> or <u>Part 2</u> operating application is the year of the inventory included in the application; the correct year for an <u>inventory</u> is the previous calendar year; and the correct year for a construction permit application is the year in which the application is being created.
- 6. Enter the correct application date in the **Application Date** field. This date is the day that you begin working on the application or inventory. You <u>cannot</u> enter a future date.
- 7. Choose how you would like to populate your application or inventory: (1) By copying data from Site Management or (2) By copying data from a previous document already stored in SPARS.

Construction permit applications and Part 2 operating applications can only be populated by copying data from Site Management, therefore, this is the only choice given (see Figure 8.5).



When creating Part 1 applications, Title V emissions inventories, or Minor Source emissions inventories, you have the choice to populate the document from either Site Management or from a previous document of the same type already stored in SPARS (see Figure 8.6).

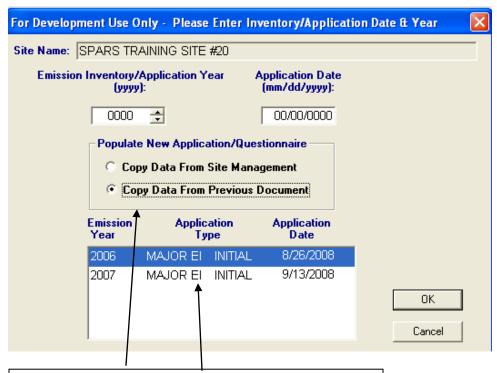
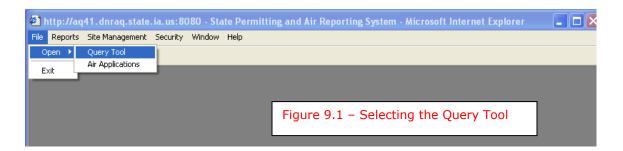


Figure 8.6 – When creating a Part 1 operating application or an emissions inventory, SPARS allows you to populate the new document with information from either Site Management or from a previous document.

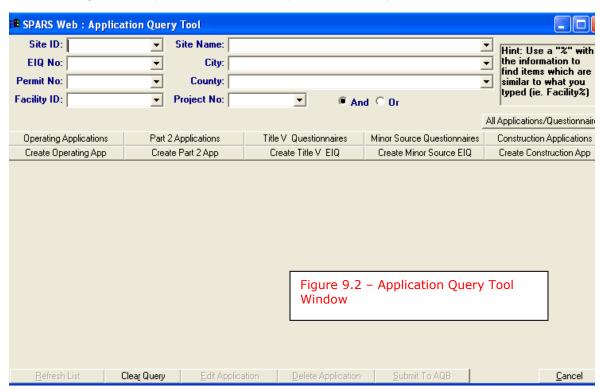


9.0 Reviewing a completed Application or Inventory before Submittal

- All Users
- 9.1 After logging in SPARS Web (see Section 5.0), click **File**, select <u>Open</u> and then click Query Tool.



9.2 Selecting the Query Tool opens the **Application Query Tool** window:



9.3 Find the facility by entering its name in the **Site Name** field (or enter its ID in the **Site ID** field); then select the appropriate button to find the desired document (see Figure 9.3).

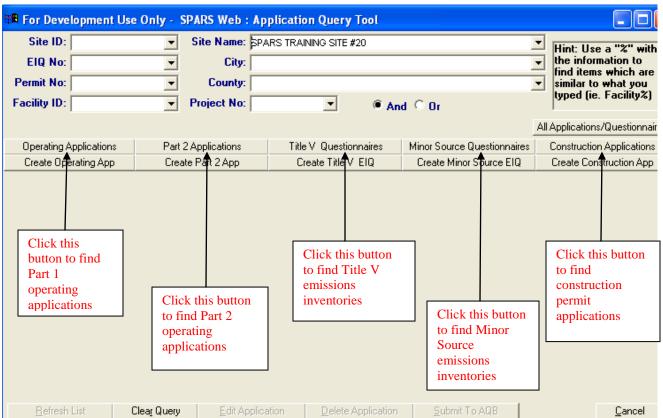
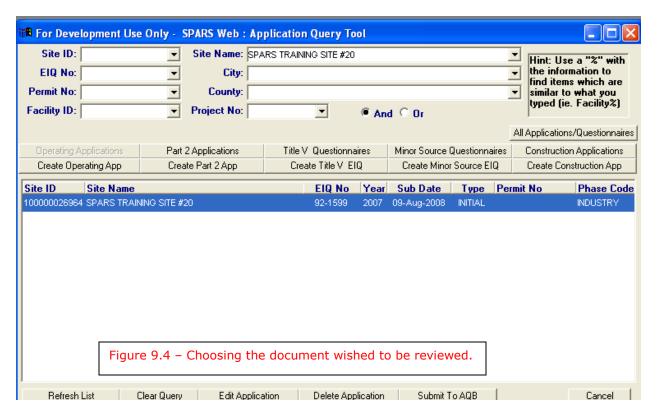


Figure 9.3 – Finding applications and inventories already created in SPARS Web.

9.4. Highlight the application or inventory that you wish to review (see Figure 9.4).

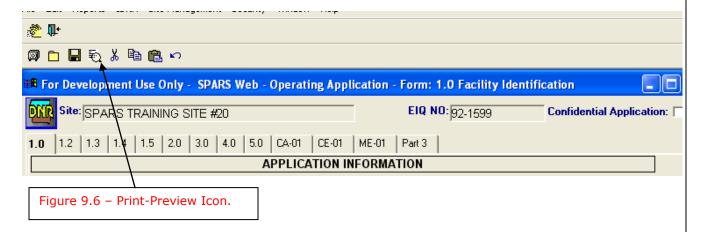


9.5. Click the **Edit Application** button. Alternatively, you may double-click the left side of your mouse to bring up the highlighted application (see Figure 9.5).

For Development Use Only - SPARS Web - Operating Application - Form: 1.0 Facility Identification	
Site: SPARS TRAINING SITE #20 EIQ NO: 92-1599 Confide	ntial Application:
1.0 1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5 2.0 3.0 4.0 5.0 CA-01 CE-01 ME-01 Part 3	
APPLICATION INFORMATION	
Permit Application for: Permit Application Type: (Check all that apply) Initial	
■ Title V Operating Permit	wal
C Voluntary Operating Permit ☐ Significant Permit Modification ☐ Annual Emissions / Fee ☐ Suppl	lemental Info.
Application Includes: (Check all that apply) Part 1 General Emissions Information For Agency Use Only Operating Permit NO.	
Part 2 Air Pollution Control Requirements & Compliance Facility ID NO:	
Part 3 Application Certification - Required for all submissions Site ID: 10000002698	64
Name: TESTUSER3 Date: β-Sep-2008 03:45:33 PM	
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Figure 9.5 – Part 1 Operating Permit Application.

9.6. Click on the print-preview icon as shown in Figure 9.6.



9.7. The following window opens:

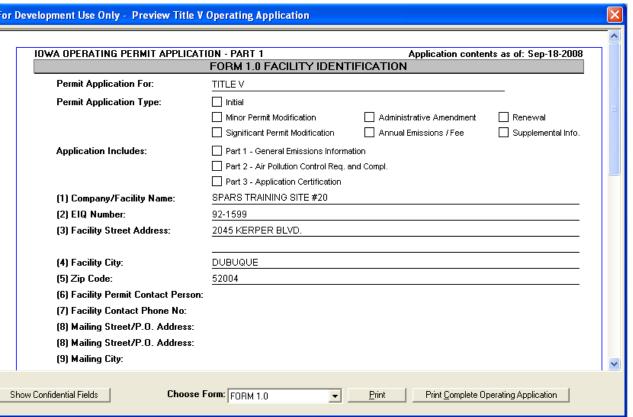


Figure 9.7 – Print-preview of a Part 1 Operating Permit Application.

9.8 You are now able to print the document to review its contents. This procedure applies to all applications and inventories created in SPARS Web.



10.0 Signing a completed Application or Inventory before Submittal

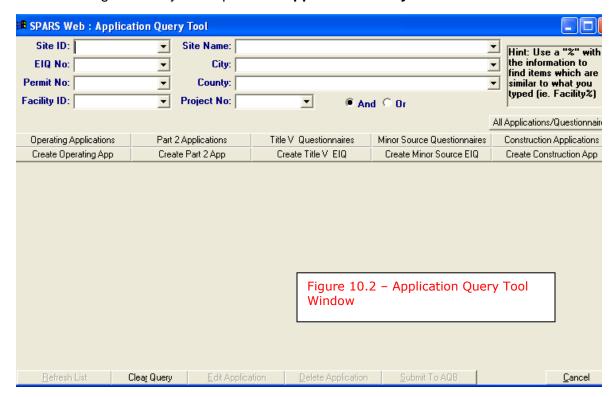
- Responsible Officials Only

Construction permit applications, operating permit applications (Part1 and Part 2), and Title V emissions inventories require that responsible officials sign certification statements **before** submittal.

10.1 After logging in as the Responsible Official, click on **File**, select <u>Open</u> and then click on <u>Query Tool</u>.



10.2 Selecting the Query Tool opens the **Application Query Tool** window:



10.3 Find the facility by entering its name in the **Site Name** field (or enter its ID in the **Site ID** field); then select the appropriate button to find the desired document (see Figure 10.3).

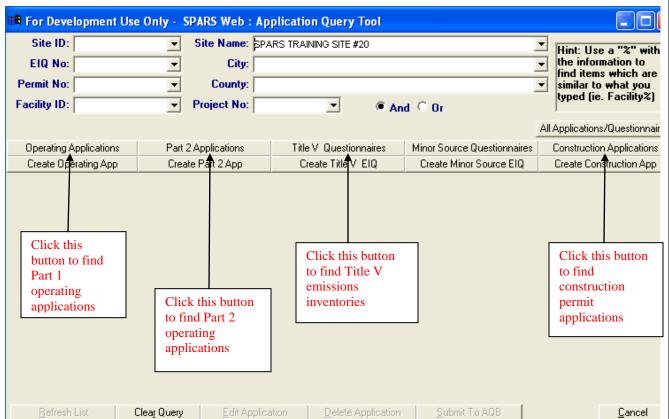
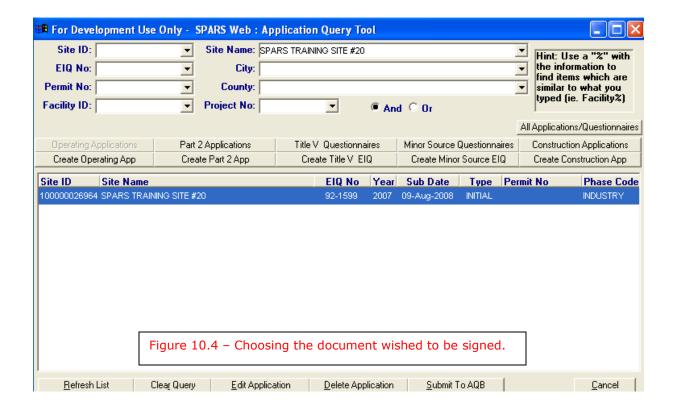


Figure 10.3 – Finding the application or inventory to be signed (Minor Source Questionnaires are not required to be signed)

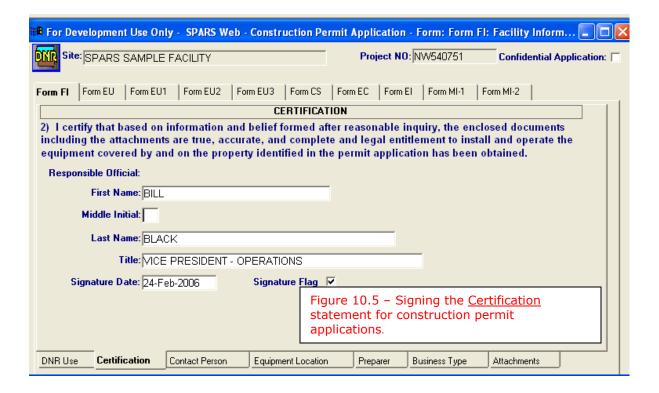
10.4. Highlight the application or inventory that you wish to sign. It should be in **INDUSTRY Phase**.



10.5. Click the **Edit Application** button. Alternatively, you may double-click the left side of your mouse to bring up the highlighted application.

Construction permit applications:

◆ After completing the review of your construction permit application, click the **Certification** subtab of **Form FI**.



◆ Check the **Signature Flag** box and enter the date in the **Signature Date** box. *It is very important to do this*. Your application will not be accepted if this subtab is not completed (see Figure 10.5).

Operating permit applications (Part 1 and Part2):

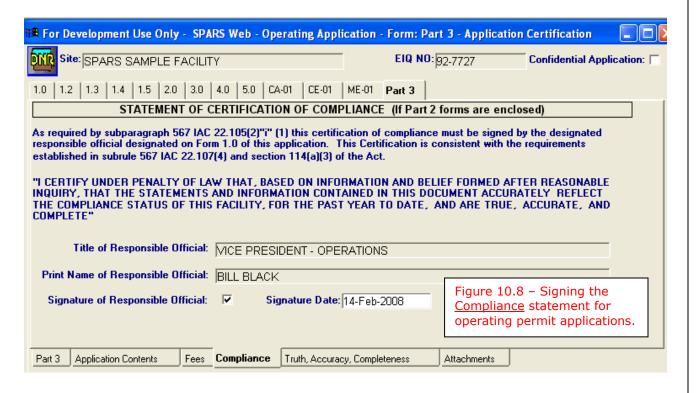
- ◆ After completing the review of your operating permit application (Part 1 or Part 2), click the **Certification** subtab of **Form 1.0** and read its contents (see Figure 10.6).
- ◆ Click the **Part 3** tab and read the statement included here (see Figure 10.7).
- ◆ Click the **Compliance** tab, check the **Signature of Responsible Official** box and enter the date in the **Signature Date** box (see Figure 10.8).
- ◆ Click the **Truth, Accuracy and Completeness** tab, check the **Signature of Responsible Official** box and enter the date in the **Signature Date** box (see Figure 10.9).

It is important to check these boxes. Your operating permit application will not be accepted if these subtabs are not completed.



Figure 10.6 – Certification Requirements for Operating Permit Applications







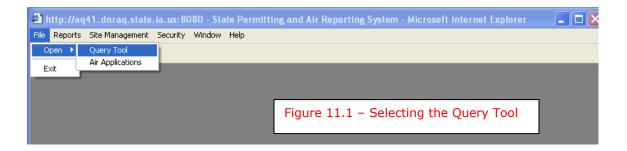
Title V emissions inventory:

- ◆ After completing the review of your Title V emissions inventory, click the **Part 3** tab and read the statement included here (same as in Figure 10.7).
- ♦ Click the Truth, Accuracy and Completeness tab, check the Signature of Responsible Official box and enter the date in the Signature Date box. *It is very important to do this*. Your inventory will not be accepted if this subtab is not completed (same as in Figure 10.9).
- 10.6 After completing the appropriate steps for the required signature, save your work (choose **File** and then **Save**). Close the application or inventory.

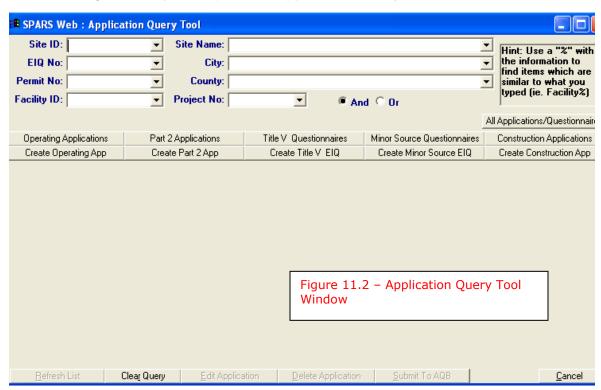


11.0 Submitting a completed Application or Inventory to the AQB

- Responsible Officials Only
- 11.1 After logging in as the Responsible Official, click on **File**, select <u>Open</u> and then click on <u>Query Tool</u>.



11.2 Selecting the Query Tool opens the **Application Query Tool** window:



11.3 Find the facility by entering its name in the **Site Name** field (or enter its ID in the **Site ID** field); then select the appropriate button to find the desired document (see Figure 11.3).

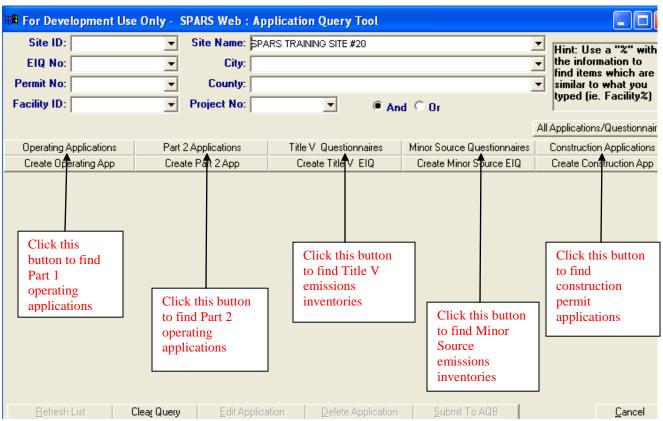
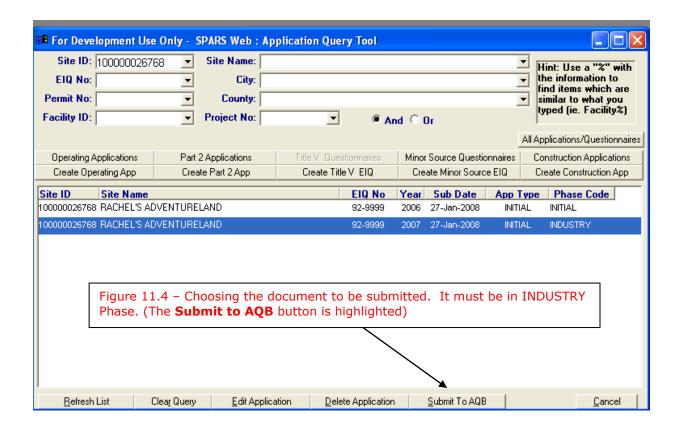


Figure 11.3 – Finding applications and inventories to be submitted to the AQB.

11.4. Highlight the application or inventory that you wish to submit. <u>IMPORTANT</u>: Only applications and questionnaires in the *INDUSTRY Phase* can be submitted to the AQB.



- 11.5 When the application or inventory on the *INDUSTRY Phase* is highlighted, the **Submit to AQB** button will be active (see Figure 11.4); otherwise, the button will be inactive and the words grayed out.
- 11.6 Click the Submit to AQB button. A text box will pop-up for the Responsible Official to enter the PIN (see Figure 11.5).

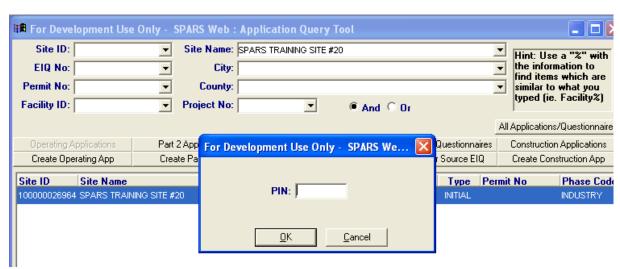


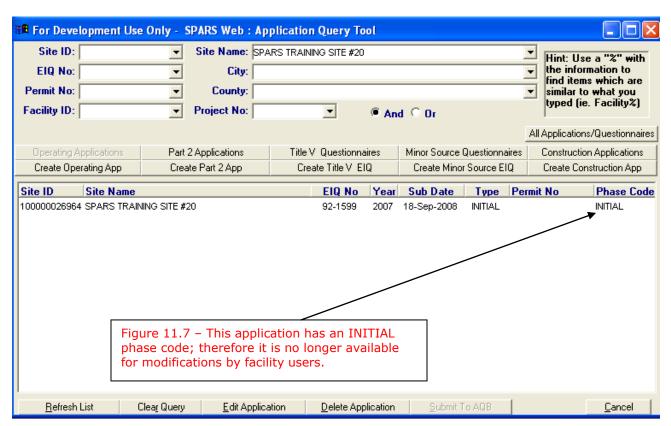
Figure 11.5 – Text box for entering the Responsible Official's PIN

11.7 After entering the PIN, click **OK** to submit, or **Cancel** if you are not ready to submit. If successfully submitted, a notice will appear: **The application has been submitted to AQB** (see Figure 11.6). If not successfully submitted, an error message will appear, instead.



Figure 11.6 – Application has been successfully submitted to the AQB.

11.8 After clicking OK, the phase code for the application changes to INITIAL, indicating that the facility user can no longer make changes to this application (see Figure 11.7).





12.0 Phase Codes

Figure 11.7 shows the **Phase Code** column, which indicates the submittal/completion status of all applications and inventories. The definitions of these codes are as follows:

INDUSTRY - Indicates the status of a SPARS electronic document that is currently being completed or modified by a facility user.

DNR - Indicates the status of a SPARS electronic document that is currently being completed or modified by IDNR staff.

INITIAL - Indicates the status of a SPARS electronic document that has been submitted to the AQB and it is ready for review by IDNR staff.

REVIEW - Indicates the status of a SPARS electronic document that is currently under review by the AQB.

FINAL - Indicates the status of a SPARS electronic document that has been reviewed and approved in its entirety by the AQB.

LEGAL - Indicates the status of a SPARS electronic document that is currently being reviewed by an Iowa DNR attorney to determine whether requests for confidentiality of some fields meet legal standards.

ERROR - Correction of errors required AFTER a permit was issued. This appears when IDNR at first approved a submission but later discovered errors that require correction.



13.0 Contacts and On-line Resources

13.1 DNR Air Quality Contacts

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13.2 On-line Resources

DNR Air Quality Bureau

www.iowacleanair.com

DNR Title V Emissions Inventory Forms

www.iowacleanair.com

Click on "Emissions Inventory" then on "Title V Sources" then on "Title V/CAIR Applications, Emissions Inventory/Fee Payment – Forms & Instructions."

EPA Emission Factors

To access AP-42 and WebFIRE emission factors go to: www.epa.gov/ttn/chief/efpac/index.html

SIC Codes

www.osha.gov/pls/imis/sicsearch.html

SCC Codes

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Click on "Emissions Inventory" and scroll down to "Classification Lists." Click on "Source Classification Code (SCC) List." Ethanol and Biodiesel plants should click on "Ethanol and Biodiesel Source Classification Code (SCC) List."

DNR Minor Source Emission Inventory Forms

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Click on "Emissions Inventory" then on "Minor Sources" then on "Forms and Instructions."

Calculation Spreadsheet and Tools

To access calculation spreadsheets for painting operations, haul roads, asphalt, concrete and limestone processes go to:

www.iowacleanair.com

Click on "Emissions Inventory" then the appropriate spreadsheet located under "Worksheets and Example Calculations."

SPARS Web

Download SPARS user's guide at www.iowacleanair.com Click on "SPARS"

Iowa Administrative Code (IAC)

http://www.legis.state.ia.us/IAC.html See section 567, Chapters 20-34